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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 326

Introduced by Assembly Member Dutton

February 7, 2003

An act to amend Section 30801 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 326, as amended, Dutton. Dog licenses: issuers.

Existing law provides that, unless the county board of supervisors designates the animal control department to issue dog licenses, dog licenses shall be issued by the county clerk ~~directly or through judges of municipal courts or the superior court in a county in which there is no municipal court~~, to owners of dogs that make application. This provision is also applicable to the governing body of a city that adopts the provision.

This bill would provide that the applicable governmental entity in charge of issuing dog licenses may designate veterinarians to issue licenses to owners of dogs that make application.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 30801 of the Food and Agricultural
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 30801. (a) A board of supervisors may provide for the
2 issuance of serially numbered metallic dog licenses pursuant to
3 this section. The dog licenses shall be:

4 (1) Stamped with the name of the county and the year of issue.

5 (2) (A) Unless the board of supervisors designates the animal
6 control department to issue the licenses, issued by the county clerk
7 ~~directly or through judges of the superior court~~, to owners of dogs,
8 that make application.

9 (B) The board of supervisors or animal control department may
10 designate veterinarians to issue the licenses to owners of dogs that
11 make application.

12 (b) The licenses shall be issued for a period of not to exceed two
13 years.

14 (c) In addition to the authority provided in subdivisions (a) and
15 (b), a license may be issued, as provided by this section, by a board
16 of supervisors for a period not to exceed three years for dogs that
17 have attained the age of 12 months, or older, and who have been
18 vaccinated against rabies. The person to whom the license is to be
19 issued pursuant to this subdivision may choose a license period as
20 established by the board of supervisors of up to one, two, or three
21 years. However, when issuing a license pursuant to this
22 subdivision, the license period shall not extend beyond the
23 remaining period of validity for the current rabies vaccination.

